Import of wind power machines

†2934. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details with regard to wind power machines imported from abroad between 1st January, 1999 to 30th November, 2002;

(b) the price of each machine separately alongwith the details with regard to exemption on each machine;

(c) the names and addresses of firms importing the wind power machines;

(d) the gap between the price of indigenously manufactured wind power machines and wind power machine imported from abroad; and

(e) the steps taken for initiating the use of indigenously manufactured machines by discontinuing the imported machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (d) Wind electric generators for power generation are not being imported from abroad as complete machines. They are being manufactured through local production in India. Certain critical components are only being imported by the manufacturers of these machines.

There is no duty exemption on import of complete wind machines. However, concessional duty is levied on import of specified critical components.

The price of wind machines manufactured in India varies with technology, type, size, performance parameters and market conditions. As complete wind machines are not being imported, their price cannot be compared with indigenously manufactured machines.

(e) Fiscal and promotional incentives, and soft loans, are provided to encourage wind power projects and the wind industry. Research and development is being supported, and testing and certification facilities have also been set up to assist the wind industry in the country.

Assistance for the establishment of power projects and villages electrification in A.P.

2935. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank, REC and Power Finance Corporation are

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

providing financial assistance for the establishment of power projects and electrification of villages in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of grants already received and likely to be received during the next one year from the above agencies with the details of projects in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

World Bank is providing financial assistance to APTRANSCO of 210.00 million US $ (Rs. 893 crores) under IBRD/World Bank loan No. 4441-IN dated 5.3.1999 for Andhra Pradesh Power Restructuring project. The assistance is being used for Augmentation of Transmission systems, strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution systems, Metering system improvement and Technical Assistance. Till 31.10.2002, USD 144,14 Million have been utilised for this purpose.

Rural Electrification Corporation is providing loan assistance for rural electrification projects (including electrification of villages), Cumulatively upto 31.3.2002 the APSEB (now APTRANSCO) has drawn Rs. 2666 crore, and Rs. 347 crore during the financial year 2002-03 (upto 29th November, 2002) for Rural Electrification Performance.

Till 2001-02, Power Finance Corporation has disbursed Rs. 3074.18 crores to various projects both in State Sector and Private Sector located in Andhra Pradesh. List of schemes sanctioned by Power Finance Corporation in Andhra Pradesh during 2002-03 is at Statement-I. The details of PFC's assistance to Andhra Pradesh out of loan obtained by it from the World Bank are at Statement-II.

Statement-I

Amount Disbursed by PFC for the power projects/State power utilities located in the state of Andhra Pradesh during the period 01-Apr-2002 to 30-Nov-2002.

Project Name	Disbursement Amount in Rs. Cr.
1	2
1. Counterpart Funding-Simhadri-Vizag	4.55
2. Counterpart Funding for Apeep	2.21
3. 220 KV Khammam-Warangal	12.21

1	2
4. 220 KV Ramagundam-Karimnagar	0.27
5. 220 KV Spectrum GBPS-Kakinada	2.34
6. 220 KV RTPP-Anantapur etc.	0.73
7. 220 KV S/S at Wanaparthy & ASSO	9:36
8. 220 KV S/S-Bhimavaram & Gudivad	40.68
9. Aug of Tranf. Cap.-132KV S/S	13.39
10. CounterPart for AP-1 (WB Loan)	12.85
11. Counterpart Funding for APL ST	2.67
12. Counterpart Funding Srisailam	0.90
13. Medium Term WCL to APGENCO	213.00
14. R&M Activities of VTPs	7.30
15. R&M of KTPs-A	6.09
16. R&M of Sub-Stations	1.61
17. R&M of VTPs (4x210 MW)	4.45
18. R&U of Nagarjunasagar	0.19
19. Short Term Loan to APGENCO	30.00
20. Working Capital Loan to APCPDC	20.00
21. Working Capital Loan to APGENCO	100.00
22. Working Capital Loan to APTRANSCO	100.00
23. Y2K Compliance Loan	0.82
TOTAL	585.62

Statement-II

Scheme-wise disbursement by PFC against the schemes of system improvement and Distribution augmentation identified for financing in the state of Andhra Pradesh out of World Bank loan obtained by PFC

Sl. No.	Scheme Name	Amount Disbursed (in Rs. Crores)
1	2	3
1	Chittoor	20.24
2	Ramagundam	16.73
3	Podili	6.49

1	2	3
4	Ananthpur	9.23
5	Khammam	72.04
6	Siddipet	21.75
7	Nidadavola	22.90
8	132 KV Erragudda S/S	63.78
9	Hyderabad	66.34
10	Tirupati	33.12
	TOTAL	332.62

One time settlement of outstanding dues of SEB

2936. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the scheme of one time settlement of outstanding SEB dues payable to Central PSUs; and

(b) what is present rate of success of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) On the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Montek Singh Ahluwalia that was endorsed, with minor modifications, by the High Level Empowered Group of Chief Ministers under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Government of India approved the scheme of one-time settlement of outstanding dues on 17.4.2002. On 20.5.2002 a Tripartite Agreement (TPA) based on the above decision which is to be signed among the State Government, Ministry of Finance, Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was circulated to all states. The list of the states that have signed the TPA, those which are yet to sign but have given in-principle approval for signing the TPA and those which are yet to sign is at Annexure. In respect of such states who have signed the TPA, the same have been sent to Ministry of Finance for getting the signature of RBI on the TPA and issuance of bonds. It is expected that the process may be completed shortly.